



## Youth & Amateur BEGINNING CLASS RULES



1. Rider may not have earned more than \$50 in recorded earnings at any working horse show approved by one of the following: NRHA, AQHA, APHA, PTHA or SHOT or earned a World or Reserve World Championship title or earned more than 5 points in any recognized breed association competition (includes walk trot, novice, level 1 and rookie category points) as of the date of the show in the class entered. This rule is on a per class basis.  
*Example: Exhibitor has \$60 in earnings in NRHA reining and has 3 points in AQHA/APHA ranch riding. Exhibitor is eligible for Beginning Ranch Riding, but not Reining.*
2. Exhibitors may compete in as many Buckle classes at a show that they are eligible for.  
**Once an exhibitor wins a buckle in a beginning class, they are no longer eligible for that Beginning Class at any future shows.**
3. A Belt Buckle will be awarded to the winner in all Beginning classes.
4. Year-End Awards will not be offered for any of the Beginning classes.
5. Chaps are not required to show in any Beginning class. Appropriate safety attire for the discipline is required.
6. Beginning classes are open to any breed. Exhibitor does not need to own the horse. Rider may cross-enter into other AQHA /APHA/NSBA classes but must meet all ownership and membership requirements of the association.
7. Beginning Halter is open to mares or geldings of any age to compete in one class.
8. Beginning reining class may do a simple or flying lead change in the pattern.
9. Western Riding will use Novice or Level 1 patterns.
10. Horse must be show in legal equipment for age of horse per AQHA/APHA equipment rules.
11. If it is determined that an exhibitor is ineligible for a beginning class after showing in the class, they will be disqualified, and any awards will be forfeited immediately.
12. **Beginning Class List:**
  - Showmanship
  - Halter
  - Western Pleasure
  - Horsemanship
  - Trail
  - Western Riding
  - Hunter Under Saddle
  - Hunt Seat Equitation
  - Reining
  - Ranch Riding